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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TONKO).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 17, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL TONKO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, we lift up our hearts to You—even now when the business of the day is soon at hand; when there are countless other things that vie for our attention. May just this brief acknowledgment of our devotion to You be found acceptable.

We pause for a moment to seek Your presence among us—even if all the space we leave for You is just enough for a glimpse. May the light You allow to shine into our tight schedules serve to illuminate our deliberations and clarify our thoughts this day.

Tender and merciful God, hear us even when we speak softly to You. May we be comforted by Your abiding presence with us and find assurance that You are nearer to us than we are aware.

For You, O God, made us and gave us life and breath and everything else. And all You have asked of us is to reach out for You, in our busyness, in our preoccupation, or in our reticence, that we may find You.

We do so now. Hear the prayers we offer You as we pray in the name by which You have revealed Yourself.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. After consultation among the Speaker and the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent, the Chair announces that, when the two Houses meet in joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those immediately to her left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House. Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly enforced. Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor. The cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, May 10, 2022, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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JOINT MEETING TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY KYRIAKOS MITSOTAKIS, PRIME MINISTER OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

During the recess, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes a.m.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Ms. Kathleen Joyce, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The joint meeting will come to order.

The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, into the House Chamber:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS);

The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY);

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES);

The gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS);

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRIST);

The gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. PAPPAS);

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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